

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS

Study of Tick Bite-Associated Rash Lesions of Unknown Etiology in the Southern United States (STARI)

Does the patient meet the case definition?

A person with acute onset (within 14 days of visit to physician's office) of an annular, erythematous, expanding rash that attains a size of at least 5 cm in diameter, when no alternative explanation for the rash can be found, AND

A history of tick bite or potential exposure to ticks within 14 days before the onset of the rash.

Obtain study documents and materials

These include physician instructions, informed consent forms, unaffiliated investigator form and Belmont Report, laboratory submission and DASH forms, and specimen collection kit from CDC (if desired).

Complete Unaffiliated Investigator Form

Send or FAX it to Ms. Constance Bonds, as specified.

Informed consent

If patient consents to be in this research study, ask patient to read and sign appropriate consent /assent forms IN DUPLICATE (two copies have been provided).

For detailed guidance about informed consent requirements for minors, see page 2 of instructions.

Patient should keep ONE COPY of informed consent/assent for minors; SECOND COPY should be sent to CDC, as below.

Collect specimens as directed in Instructions for Physicians

Do NOT biopsy facial or neck lesions.

Complete laboratory submission form

Also complete optional Data and Specimen Handling Form (CDC "DASH" form) to request serology for Lyme disease.

Ship to CDC: 2nd copy of signed informed consent/assent forms, laboratory submission form, optional DASH form, and specimens to CDC by overnight Federal Express using enclosed CDC Federal Express shipping form. **We cannot reimburse you for shipping costs if you ship without using the CDC account number.**

Questions? See Physician Instructions, or contact Drs. Barbara Johnson (970) 221-6463, e-mail bjohnson@cdc.gov; Jacob Kool (970) 266-3540, e-mail jkool@cdc.gov; or Paul Mead (970) 221-6474, e-mail pmead@cdc.gov .